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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are currently under consideration in the present application. Claim 3 was previously canceled.

Claim 1 is allowed.

Claim 2 stands rejected for non-statutory obviousness type double patenting. The rejection of claim 2 has been overcome by the accompanying terminal disclaimer.

Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the accompanying terminal disclaimer. The pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that may expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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